



# Media Release

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## **Kathy Stephanson Appointed as Acting Principal – Home ED & Colony Schools**

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools (WRPS) is very pleased to announce that Kathy Stephanson has been appointed as Acting Principal – Home Education, Pinehaven and Silvercreek Schools. Kathy will lead Pinehaven and Silvercreek schools during the current principal's medical leave. Kathy has recently completed a review of home education services and will lead the expansion of its programs offered by WRPS to its families choosing to school at home.

Kathy joined the division in 1982 and has been a vice-principal for 10 years. Kathy has taught students from kindergarten through grade nine as well as having worked as a special education teacher. She was a respected lead learner and most recently the Home Education Coordinator. Kathy has nearly completed a Master's degree in Education Administration and Leadership. Her studies have included research about alternative program including home education.

Mr. Brian Taje, Director of Administrative Support stated, "We are pleased to be able to continue offering services and support to students in both home education and our colony schools with a proven instructional leader. Kathy is the right person to provide the leadership needed in these areas as we strive to meet our Board's commitment to serve all students."

Kathy stated: "I look forward to continuing my work at Clear Vista and in home education while supporting Pinehaven and Silvercreek schools at this time of need. I appreciate the confidence that the Division has demonstrated in me."

Mrs. Stephanson will assume Acting Principal duties and responsibilities effective August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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